

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 10/060,148

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated October 31, 2003, and supplemental to the Response filed October 14, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

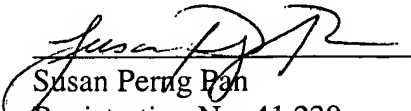
The previously cited Halter reference converges light at an object and detects an edge using sensors 11.1, 11.2. None of the art of record discloses illumination of the object of interest as parallel light.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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